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SUBJECT: BIOGRAPHIC INFORMATION ON THE NEW FRENCH
AMBASSADOR TO COSTA, RICA, RICHARD DE DAMPIERRE

1. GOF HAS ANNOUNCED THE APPOINTMENT OF RICHARD DE
DAMPIERRE AS THE NEW FRENCH AMBASSADOR TO COSTA RICA,
REPLACING CHARLES DE GEIS DE GUYON DE PAMPELONNE.

2. A CAREER DIPLOMAT, DE DAMPIERRE HAS BEEN WITHOUT A
POST SINCE RETURNING FROM FLORENCE IN 1974, WHERE HE
SERVED AS CONSUL GENERAL FOR SIX YEARS. SIXTY YEARS OLD,
A GRADUATE OF THE ECOLE DES SCIENCES POLITIQUES, DE
DAMPIERRE ENTERED THE FOREIGN SERVICE IN 1945 AND WAS
ASSIGNED TO BUENOS AIRES AS HIS FIRST POST. FROM 1950 TO
1954 HE SERVED IN THE FOREIGN MINISTRY DEALING WITH
ECONOMIC MATTERS. NAMED FIRST SECRETARY IN HAVANNA,
WHERE HE WAS ASSIGNED IN 1954 TO 1956, DE DAMPIERRE
WAS TRANSFERRED IN 1956 TO STOCKHOLM, WHERE HE REMAINED
FOR SIX YEARS. PRIOR TO HIS ASSIGNMENT AS CONSUL GENERAL
IN FLORENCE IN 1968, HE HAD BEEN SERVING AS CONSUL IN
PALERMO SINCE 1962.

3. DE DAMPIERRE HOLDS SEVERAL HONORS, INCLUDING THE
CROIX DE GUERRE AND A PRESIDENTIAL CITATION FROM THE USG,
AND IS ALSO A MEMBER OF THE LEGION OF HONOR. HE IS
MARRIED TO THE FORMER MERCEDES DE PEDROSO Y STURDA, AND
LISTS HIS HOBBIES AS TENNIS AND SAILING.

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